

100 AMERICANS SEIZED BY REBELS

Women and Children Among the Refugees Captured in Flight from Mexico.

NO TROOPS SENT TO AID

Huerta Forces Claim That to Act Would Only Imperil the Prisoners' Lives—De La Fuente Resigns.

Mexico City, Sept. 14.—The American Embassy has just received a telegram from the consul at Saltillo to the effect that it is rumored there that one hundred American refugees, including women and children, who left Torreon the other day, en route to Saltillo, have been captured by the rebels. The federal military authorities hesitate to send out troops to look for them, as the rebels, if they have really captured the Americans, might, if attacked by the government forces, do violence to their prisoners, or the latter might be wounded or killed in the encounter. Gamboa says he has no official advice on the subject, but if the report is true it emphasizes the different attitudes of the government and the rebels, for whereas the former is trying to suppress lawlessness and to afford every protection and guarantee of safety to foreigners, including Americans, the rebels do not hesitate to inflict injury on them. This shows how unworthy the rebels are of American support. Gamboa added that what had happened, as no more than might be expected as the result of the "neutrality policy" of the United States, which had hampered the administration in proceeding with a strong hand against rebels and bandits.

Troops Near the Rebels.

General Tracy Aubert, a federal commander, with one thousand men, who is proceeding from the north to the relief of Torreon, passed Saltillo yesterday. He is traveling over approximately the same route as the Americans, and it is regarded as possible that the rebels will disappear before his advance. He is, however, making slow progress.

The Americans are headed by Deputy Consul General J. C. Allen, of Monterey, who went to Torreon to notify American residents there of President Wilson's warning to leave. They left Torreon on September 1, traveling by the most available conveyances to be had across the plains in the direction of Saltillo, there having been no railroad communication for many weeks.

David de la Fuente, the Minister of Communications, has resigned. This resignation has long been foreseen and has no particular significance. De la Fuente was supposed to represent Vasquez Gomez and his brothers, but was unable to bring them into the government fold.

An unconfirmed rumor is current here that the Catholic party, whose convention is to be held next week, will declare itself in favor of the candidature of Huerta. Unless the constitution should be amended, this nomination could only be regarded as an endorsement of Huerta in a general way, since the constitution in the present form prohibits Huerta from being a candidate, as stated by Gamboa in his second note.

On the other hand, Liberal members of the Chamber of Deputies expressed themselves very strongly against any alliance between the government and the Catholic party.

Catholic Party Powerful.

The Catholics have the best political organization of all Mexico's militant parties, and, in a fair, free election, could carry every state in the republic, except some northern states, and perhaps the State of Vera Cruz. Vera Cruz, since the days of Juarez, has been noted for its liberalism, and

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STRONG LEAVES MEXICO

Huerta Honors British Minister Who Returns Home.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] Mexico City, Sept. 14.—The British Minister to Mexico left here to-night for Vera Cruz, en route to England. Provisional President Huerta placed the Presidential cars at Mr. Strong's disposal for the journey to Vera Cruz, and the cars were run on a special leaving Eucua Vista station at 10 o'clock.

The President also sent bouquets to the station for Mrs. Strong and her sister, Miss Frazer.

Senora Huerta was at the station, with her daughter and son-in-law, Captain Luis Fuentes.

Foreign Minister Gamboa was also there, as well as members of the diplomatic corps, including the American chargé, Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

PIETY AND U. S. IN CLASH

Macpherson Gives Up Cloth—Won't Pay Duty on Sabbath.

The first man on record at this port who refused to pay duty on an imported article because the tax had been imposed on the Sabbath was Angus Macpherson, a steamer passenger, who arrived here yesterday by the Anchor liner Cameronia.

Macpherson had brought in a bolt of cloth the value of which exceeded his \$100 allowance, and a duty of \$4.65 was put upon the importation. The pious traveler informed the inspectors that he would enter into no bargain with the United States government on a Sunday, as it was against the teachings of his faith.

When told that the duty would have to be paid or the cloth detained, the Scotchman said he was willing to let the cloth go if he had to break the Sabbath by a business transaction. He was then told that the goods would be held at the Appraiser's Stores and that he could get it by paying the duty to-day.

BEAR READY FOR PRINCE

Buffalo Bill "Plants" Old Animal for Monaco Hunter.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Cody, Wyo., Sept. 14.—The Prince of Monaco, who is expected in Cody tomorrow for a week's hunting with Colonel William F. Cody, is sure of at least one bear.

It is reported here that several hunters, friends of Colonel Cody, have obtained a decrepit old bear that was part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, and have "placed" it for the prince. The show bear is said to be in an abandoned cabin in the mountains, and at the proper time will be turned loose where the prince will find him.

SQUIRRELS PREDICT COLD

Early Home Making Means Hard Winter, Says Snyder.

"Look out for a cold winter," said "Bill" Snyder, head keeper of the Central Park menagerie, yesterday. "The gray squirrels are building their nests already, and you wouldn't want a better sign than that."

Snyder is an able prognosticator, though he never edited a farmers' almanac or worked for the Weather Bureau. He takes his bearings from animal and bird life in the park. And, furthermore, he never qualifies his predictions, as do some of the "scientific" almanac futurists. Snyder never says, "It's going to be a cold winter if it isn't a mild one." The last few days of cool weather have made the ordinarily lazy squirrels in the park work overtime building their nests, according to Snyder.

"I always go by the gray squirrels in making my winter bets," said the head keeper. "They are on the job building their nests fully four weeks ahead of last year."

ESCAPES DEATH BY HAIR

Boy's Aversion to Barbers Saves Him from Drowning.

While gathering driftwood from the East River at the foot of North 4th street, Williamsburg, yesterday, Joseph Dasser, nine years old, of No. 77 North 9th street, fell into the water and was carried away by the swift running tide.

The boy's shouts for help were heard by Walter J. Eller, employed by the Eastern District Terminal Company, who plunged overboard. He managed to reach the boy, who, exhausted by his struggles, was on the point of sinking. Seizing him by his long hair, Eller kept him afloat, but made little progress because of the strong tide. Both were finally rescued by two men in a rowboat. The boy was taken to the Eastern District Hospital, and his condition last night was critical.

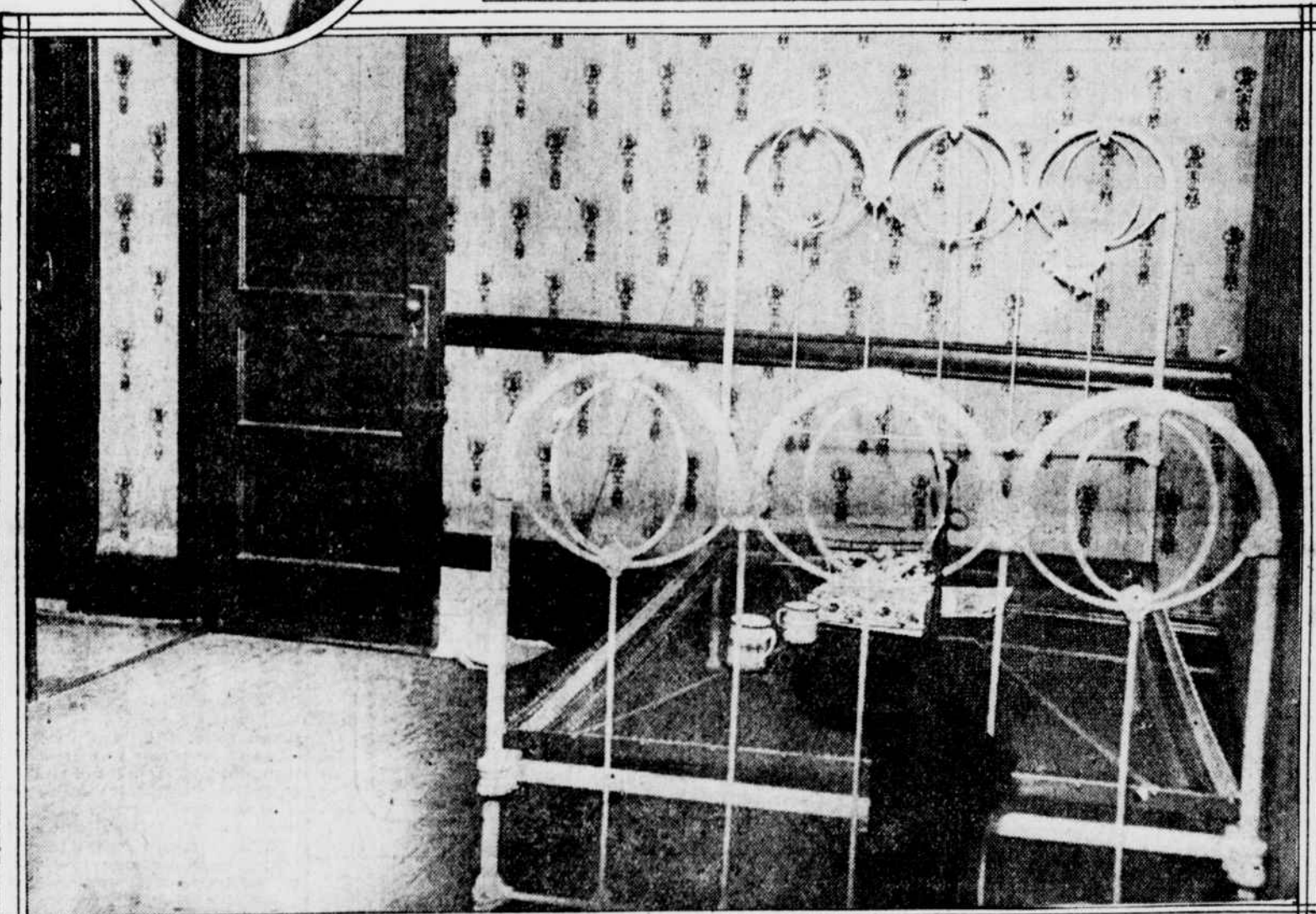
PLEASURE RESORT BURNED

Maple Beach Park, on the Hudson, Destroyed.

Albany, Sept. 14.—Fire early to-night swept Lagoon Island, in the Hudson River, between Troy and Albany, and destroyed Maple Beach Park, a pleasure resort. The island was without fire protection and the blaze swept unhindered through the wooden structures. The park had been closed since September 1. The night watchman there says the fire was of incendiary origin, but it is said the camp fire of a clam-bake was left burning.

The treasurer of the Albany & Troy Steamboat Company, owners and operators of the park, places the loss at \$200,000, partially covered by insurance.

FATHER HANS SCHMIDT AND ANNA AUMULLER.



ROOM WHERE MURDER WAS COMMITTED. DOOR TO BATHROOM WHERE BODY WAS DISMEMBERED.

LIVES WITHOUT A STOMACH

Man Operated On for Cancer Reported Cured.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Boulder, Colo., Sept. 14.—After having his stomach removed, R. W. Hastings, thirty-eight years old, who has suffered for years with cancer, returned to his home this evening, apparently completely cured.

Hastings, who is a well-to-do farmer, made a will a few weeks ago, and had prepared to die, when he was prevailed upon by his wife to submit to the operation. The entire stomach was removed, together with all cancerous growths.

Hastings began to convalesce, and this evening left the hospital, said by physicians to be completely cured.

PLAYED SELVES INTO JAIL

Boy 'Cop' and Girl 'Thief' First Prisoners in New Station House.

For almost five hours yesterday afternoon a policeman tried key after key on the lock of a cell in the new police station, at Beach and Varick streets, in an effort to liberate a boy and girl, who had locked themselves in the jail. Hilda Poggie, sixteen years old, of No. 38 Beach street, and Henry Foster, fourteen years old, of No. 12 Beach street, were playing in the new station house, which is nearing completion, all afternoon.

Hilda, impersonating a thief, was captured by Henry in his role of a "cop." Henry escorted his "prisoner" to one of the cells in the basement, and, stepping in with her, closed the door. The lock snapped, and they realized that they were prisoners in fact. Joseph Carlo, the watchman, in making his rounds found them fast asleep in the cell. After a vain attempt to open the door the watchman informed Lieutenant Bennett.

Sergeant O'Brien was sent to the new station house with a bunch of keys. It was not until 7:30 o'clock that he found a key that fitted the lock and set the "prisoners" free.

INQUIRY MAY FOLLOW FUNERAL OF SULLIVAN

Committee of Person of Dead Congressman Expected to Ask for Investigation of Dilatory Identification.

The funeral of Timothy D. Sullivan will be held in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, in Mott street, this morning at 10 o'clock. After the funeral and burial it is pretty certain that an inquiry will be made into the finding of his body and the apparent inactivity of Coroner Healy and the police detectives of the Bronx in their work of getting clues as to the identity of "Big Tim's" body during the thirteen days that it remained as an "unknown" in the Fordham morgue.

"Larry" Mulligan, the dead man's half-brother, and "Paddy" Sullivan, his own brother, thought none of the family would ask for the inquiry, but Alderman "Johnny" White, of Sullivan's district, said the big fellow's committee of person and estate, of which "Larry" Mulligan is chairman, would take up the matter. William B. Ellison, former Corporation Counsel, is the attorney for "Big Tim's" committee. He said it was within the power of the committee to take such action as it desired. There will be a meeting soon, he said, and the matter will probably come up then.

"Larry" Mulligan broke down and sobbed yesterday every time he tried to talk about the way "Big Tim's" body was neglected. He took from his pocket the small yellow tag marked "Unknown" which was pinned to the body when it was received at the Bellevue morgue last Friday night. "Unknown! Why, even the little dogs in the street knew him. And they said he was unknown! Do you wonder that Dorothy Arnold never was found? Her body may be lying unmarked in

Potter's Field just because of stupidity like this. If it hadn't been for Policeman Purfield 'Big Tim' would have been in the trenches now, and we would have been looking for him maybe for twenty years."

Bellevue morgue, where "Big Tim" was identified on Friday morning, is under the control of the Board of Charities. Michael J. Drummond, Commissioner of Charities, made this statement to a Tribune reporter last evening:

"The Department of Public Charities would welcome a thorough investigation into the Sullivan case, for that would reveal the fact that the Fordham morgue, where the body was held thirteen days, is not controlled by the department, but by the Board of Coroners and Fordham Hospital. Bodies detained there are in the custody of the local coroners and their physicians. An investigation will also show that bodies are detained at the Fordham morgue longer than they should be. As Commissioner of Charities I know this to be a fact, and I also know that we at the Bellevue morgue have had small satisfaction whenever we complained to the coroners or their physicians about this delay in bringing bodies down to East 26th street. There is no use trying to get anything out of the coroners. They are a law unto themselves and they stand for no dictation from any source."

The newspaper reports show that within twelve hours after Congressman Sullivan's body was received at Bellevue it was identified by Officer Purfield, who has charge of that work during the daytime. We haven't any regular police attendant on duty nights. If we had one it is likely that

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PRIEST CUT BODY OF GIRL INTO BITS

BOY FALLS FIVE STORIES

Bounces Down Fire Escapes—Gets Only Cuts and Bruises.

William Ghent, six years old, narrowly escaped death last night, when he fell from the fire escape of his home, on the fifth floor of a tenement house at No. 333 Tenth avenue. He landed on the rail of the escape below, bounced through the others and brought up on a wooden landing at the street level.

Dr. Ramirez at the French Hospital said that the boy might have a fracture of the skull, although there were no external indications of one. His visible injuries consisted of a few cuts and bruises.

MRS. BEECKMAN WINS SWIM

Outdistances Mrs. Whitehouse in Newport Race.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Newport, R. I., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Norman de R. Whitehouse and Mrs. R. Livingston Beekman engaged in a swimming race to-day between Hazard's Beach and Bailey's Beach. Mrs. Beekman finishing fifty yards ahead of Mrs. Whitehouse, and covering the distance between the beaches in a little less than an hour.

They were followed by small boats, and Mrs. Joseph Harriman swam the last half of the race with them.

Father Schmidt Confesses He Killed Young Woman While She Slept and Threw Parts in River.

"I LOVED HER," HE MOANS

Victim of Butchery Was Anna Aumuller, a Servant in Parish House of Church to Which He Was Attached as Curate.

ARRESTED AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Detectives Trace Murderer Through Pillow Slips and Find That Liaison Ended in Death—Weeps Over Picture and Makes Move Toward Suicide.

Father Hans Schmidt, alias "A. Van Dyke," a curate of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, at No. 465 West 125th street, was arrested at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, charged with the murder of the woman whose dismembered body was found in the Hudson River last week.

The victim was identified as Miss Anna Aumuller, a young woman who was employed as a servant in the parish house of St. Boniface Church, at 47th street and Second avenue, to which Father Schmidt formerly was attached.

Father Schmidt was arrested in the parlor of the parish house of St. Joseph's Church, where, after half an hour of grilling by Inspector Faurot and Detectives Cassassa and O'Neill, he broke down and admitted he committed the crime, the police officers say. He was taken over the scenes covered in his story and added many details to his confession. At the West 152d street station he was identified by the agent who rented a flat to him. He was then taken to Police Headquarters.

After another examination there he had a formal hearing before Coroner Feinberg, who remanded him to the Tombs, without bail, under a charge of homicide in the case of Anna Aumuller.

Father Luke J. Evers, chaplain of the Tombs, after an hour's talk with the imprisoned priest in the afternoon, said the self-confessed murderer had told him he had killed the girl because his patron saint had so ordered it.

"I asked Schmidt why he had murdered the girl," said Father Evers. "He said, 'I was commanded by my patron, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, to offer a sacrifice. Like the sacrifice of Abraham, it must be one of blood. So I killed Anna Aumuller, and after I had done so drank some of the blood in order to consummate the sacrifice.'"

Bundles Dropped from Ferry.

The scene of the murder, which, as the detectives told of it, was a butchery of a most revolting nature, was a third floor rear apartment in the house at No. 68 Bradhurst avenue. It was committed a few minutes before midnight on September 2, and the dismembered portions of the body, some of which were found later at different places along the shores of the Hudson River and bay, were carried one at a time by the murderer from the Harlem flat to the Fort Lee ferry, from which they were dropped into the river, weighted with stones.

So far as a motive was concerned, the police last night admitted that their talks with Father Schmidt produced nothing more definite than his oft repeated assertion when questioned as to his motive:

"I loved her."

Inspector Faurot was convinced, however, that fear of discovery and exposure was the ruling motive, and that Schmidt thought to end his liaison and his fear of the exposure of it, which would end his career as a priest.

As the story of his confession was given out by the police, the priest's intrigue had progressed so far that no ordinary means would suffice to end it. He knew the girl when she was a servant in the parish house of St. Boniface's, where he was a curate. He continued his relations with her when he went to St. Joseph's, and she remained at the rectory of St. Boniface's Church, and finally he placed her in an apartment, where for a very short time he continued to visit her.

Meanwhile the priest and the girl obtained a marriage license at the City Hall—this was dated February 26, 1913—and, according to the police version of the confession, Father Schmidt said he performed a marriage ceremony himself.

Whether the priest misled the young woman into the belief that she was legally married to him or not, the police established the fact that she was an orphan, whose brothers and sisters are all in Hungary, and with no nearer relative in this country than a cousin, who had not seen anything of her for more than a year.

Fiat Rented for Murder.

Partly by reason of the very brief period which elapsed between the time when Father Schmidt rented the Bradhurst avenue flat for her and the time of the murder, and partly because of the scantily furnished condition of the rooms, the police were convinced that

DEATH REVEALS DUAL LIFE

Millionaire Had Two Families for Ten Years.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Boston, Sept. 14.—The amazing financial transactions of the late George E. Williams, a Boston insurance man, reputed to have been a millionaire, which have come to light during the last forty-eight hours, were overshadowed to-day by the story of how he had led a dual life for ten years without his real wife suspecting her husband's duplicity.

Williams and his wife lived in Braintree, a suburb. For ten years, it is now known, he also maintained a home in Plymouth. The young woman who is said to have presided over this home is missing. It is believed that she is a former stenographer to whom Williams bequeathed a large sum.

The millionaire had no assumed name. He was George E. Williams in both Braintree and Plymouth, which are less than forty miles apart.

THIS JAIL A PLEASURE

No Cells in It—Books and Games for Prisoners.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Chicago, Sept. 14.—Judge Mahoney has decided to hold Sunday court and will sit at 6 a. m. Youths and first offenders will not be placed in cells, but will have the use of rooms supplied with books, magazines and games.

KILLED BY HIS OWN 'PLANE

Rumanian Airman Tests His Invention with Fatal Result.

Bucharest, Sept. 14.—A Rumanian aviator named Vlaicu, who recently designed an aeroplane which he christened the Mad Fly, fell during a test to-night and was killed. He was preparing to fly over the Carpathian Mountains.

The death of Vlaicu is the 325th in the annals of aviation and the 107th since January 1.